THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

WILLIAM L. RICHARD,

CASE NO. C20-6245-JCC

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

JEFFREY A. UTTECHT,

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Court on United States Magistrate Judge David Christel's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending the Court dismiss Mr. Richard's § 2254 petition without prejudice for failure to exhaust state remedies (Dkt. No. 9). Mr. Richard has not objected to the R&R. Having reviewed the R&R and the relevant record, the Court ADOPTS the R&R, DISMISSES the petition without prejudice, and DENIES a certificate of appealability. The Court DIRECTS the Clerk to send copies of this order to Mr. Richard and to Judge Christel.

DATED this 10th day of May 2021.

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